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TAGS: SNAR  
SUBJ: AVAILABILITY OF LEGALLY CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS TO  
AMERICANS TRAVELLING ABROAD

REF: 77 STATE 255976

1. MINISTER OF PUBLIC FORCES AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES INFORM US THAT LUXEMBOURG HAS NO METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAM AND THAT METHADONE AND SIMILAR MEDICATIONS ARE UNAVAILABLE IN LUXEMBOURG. SUCH DRUGS ARE CONSIDERED UNDER LUXEMBOURG LAW AS NARCOTICS AND THEY COULD NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY LEGITIMATELY. OUR SOURCES INDICATE THAT BECAUSE OF LUXEMBOURG'S SMALL SIZE ANYONE WITH A PROBLEM WOULD LIKELY ATTEMPT TO FIND A METHADONE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM OR SIMILAR TREATMENT IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY.

2. FIRST OFFENSE CASES FOR "SIMPLE" POSSESSION OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF NARCOTICS ARE USUALLY NOT PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT. SUCH OFFENDERS ARE REFERRED TO A COURT SUPERVISED PSYCHO-MEDICAL TREATMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY A COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS, LAWYERS, DOCTORS, PSYCHIATRISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS. ADDICTS OR HABITUAL HARD DRUG USERS, INCLUDING ALCOHOLICS, ARE TREATED IN LUXEMBOURG'S PSYCHIATRIC-MEDICAL CENTER IN THE TOWN OF ETTLEBRUCK:  
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ADDRESS-HOPITAL NEUROPSYCHIATRIQUE, ETTLEBUCK, LUXEMBOURG;  
PHONE NUMBER - 819191-1.

3. IN RECENT YEARS, NO AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF DRUGS OR HAVE BEEN TREATED FOR ADDICTION IN LUXEMBOURG INSTITUTIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR AMERICANS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED IN LUXEMBOURG DURING

THE LAST THREE YEARS FOR ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE LARGE QUANTITIES OF "SOFT" DRUGS THROUGH LUXEMBOURG. PHILLIPS

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